



**OFFICE OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL (RESEARCH)  
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**VELLORE CMC FOUNDATION (VCMCF) RESEARCH GRANT**

➤ **INTRODUCTION:**

Christian Medical College and Vellore CMC Foundation (VCMCF) has instituted a new funding opportunity for all confirmed junior faculty called the “VELLORE CMC FOUNDATION (VCMCF) RESEARCH GRANT”.

➤ **AIMS:**

1. To encourage basic, translational and clinical research among confirmed junior faculty of the institution.
2. To acquire data/ experience for facilitating external funding and publications in indexed journals.

➤ **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**

1. The allocation for VCMCF Research Grant is Rs. 10,00,000 per grant.
2. In a year, a maximum of 2 VCMCF Research Grants will be awarded.

➤ **SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

- This is an annual call and the call for the application is open and the deadline for submission is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- The proposal must be submitted in the standard format (available in CMC Research website <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/SITES/research/Index.html>) to CMC's Research Office ([research@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:research@cmcvellore.ac.in)) within the deadline.
- The proposal will be reviewed in the next sitting of the CMC-IRB. Any proposal on Artificial Intelligence/ Machine learning will also need the appropriate checklist to be filled up and send for approval to [research@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:research@cmcvellore.ac.in).
- All proposals with IRB clearance will be forwarded to an apriori constituted 'CMC Research Funding Committee' for decision on funding.
- The top 2 proposals will be awarded the VCMCF Research Grant during the 'Annual Research Day' organized by the Office of Research.



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➤ **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

**(i) Criteria for an individual researcher:**

- Confirmed **Medical faculty**– Assistant Professor Grade I & II; Associate Professor Grade I & II.
- Confirmed **Non-medical Post Docs**- Up to Associate Professor Grade I equivalent.
- At least 50% of the awarded grants will be availed by confirmed medical faculty.

- An Individual can avail VCMCF Research Grant only once in his/her tenure.

- He/ She should have at least one fluid research grant funding as a PI (or) external grant funding at least as a co-PI.

- At least 1 research paper published in National / Inter-national Journals related to this field, preferably indexed.

- **The researcher can avail up to 50% of the total budget towards employing research staff.**

- 10% of the total grant can be budgeted for publication.

**To avail the funding opportunity for Publication**

- The journal should have a minimum of 2.5 impact factor.
- The publication acceptance timeline should be within 2 years from the date of closure of the project.
- Journals of repute that are indexed in Medline, PubMed Central, Sciences Citation Index Expanded, Embase, Scopus are accepted.

- The grant is given for a maximum period of two years, with a total amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- per project.



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**(ii) Criteria for a department:**

- A department can apply for VCMCF Research Grant once a year (both medical and non-medical faculty).
- If the IRB receives more than 1 proposal from the same department, then the **selection committee** will make the final decision.
- A letter of acknowledgement by the Head of Department on availing the VCMCF Research Grant to be received and filed.

**(iii) Responsibilities of Principal Investigator (PI):**

- The PI is expected to send an interim report at half term for the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year installment and final report at the end of the project duration.
- The PI is expected to publish the study results in an indexed peer reviewed journal and specifically acknowledge '**Vellore CMC Foundation Research Grant**' in the publication.
- Any deficit in the fund at the end of the project duration will need to be covered by the PI's research fund or Departmental funds.

**With best wishes,**

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